

## Wood's Minstrel Hall.

If the snug and brilliant little theater which Mr. Henry Wood has erected at No. 514 Broadway were suddenly to be transferred with all its architectural graces, its elegance of decoration, its comforts, its neat and tasteful stage appointments, and, above all, its system of prompt and vigorous administration, to London, or Paris, or any of the European capitals, it would be a public wonder. Such places of entertainment are unknown abroad. The idea of making a play-house or concert-room accessible by rare embellishments and by attentive consideration to the convenience of audiences, has not yet arisen in the Old World. With us it is rather the rule than the exception; but even here there are few places in which these excellent qualities are so liberally displayed as at Mr. Wood's Hall. The attractions are not confined to the interior. The porch and the verandas are themselves an invitation to the passer-by. In the concert-room the adornments are of the same refinement, and doubly effective, because, with all their profusion, there is no appearance of cheapness and no want of harmony. The architectural arrangements of the stage and of the galleries are such that they increase the symmetry of the house, while they afford the freest view to all among the audience. The proscenium is a novelty. By its separation from the roof, it gives the stage an effect of more compact proportion than it would otherwise have. The originality of this design, we believe, is due to Mr. Wood himself. And the scenery, of which the display is very varied, is so light, and in such perfect order, that many of the city theaters would do themselves credit by attempting to rival it.

The highly performances are in the best style of negro minstrelsy—the customs of which are so familiar that to describe them in detail would be needless. As of old, the opening scene reveals the company strong like black beasts in line, each ready to sparkle in his turn. The first half-hour illustrates African aristocracy, with shirt-sleeves corresponding to high sentiment, and dress suits indicating the social consequence of the members. Subsequently democracy sets in, to an extent which Mr. Eph Horn illustrates by snapping his leg like a whip-lash, and by sundry other dark-complexioned drolleries too funny for their execution to be interferred with by description. He represents the volatile and irresponsible darkies; Mr. Charley Fox is the contemplative and tragmatical old-timer; and one is less comical than the other. The programme is always interspersed with instrumental fragments which give it variety; and the comedy with which the pieces follow one another allows no opportunity for the attention of the audience to grow cold. The regular attendance at Wood's Minstrel Hall is overflowing, and prosperity here appears to follow, as is usual in New-York, the general endeavor to deserve it.

## TRIENNAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT E. CHURCH.

## The Church and the Rebellion.

## NINTH DAY.

Religious services were conducted by Bishop BURGESS and BESWELL, and the Rev. Drs. CLEMENS and WHIPPLE. In the absence of the President, the Rev. Dr. HOWE occupied the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. CLARK of Delaware introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concerning the Joint Committee of Three be appointed to confer with a Committee of the House of Bishops, on the subject of the closing services of this Convention.

A resolution to adjourn on Tuesday next was offered by the Rev. Dr. CLEMENS of Delaware. After a brief discussion, the resolution was withdrawn.

The Rev. Dr. MEAD read the report of the Committee on Canon Law.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. S. PERRY of Maine, Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Canons to inquire and report what legislation, if any, is necessary on the part of this House to remove the error in Section XII. Canon 7. Title I of the Digest, wherein the testaments to be signed by a Presbyter for his signature to the Presbytery's orders, were omitted.

The Rev. Dr. HOFFMAN made an elaborate speech on the report on canon law.

Dr. HAWKES gave a history of the clause in the canon under consideration.

Dr. SHATTUCK said Puritanism and Popery were opposite.

The Rev. Dr. GOODWIN criticised the remarks made by the gentlemen who preceded him, and gave a definition of the term minister.

The Rev. Mr. DOANE (who has a brother in the Catholic priesthood) assumed the province of administering a rebuke to Dr. GOODWIN for his views of the ministry.

The Hon. MURRAY HOFFMAN desired to make a few suggestions. He gave a minute history of the canon under discussion, and supported his views in a few stirring remarks.

—Yesterday an attempt was made to distribute copies of a Southern document entitled "Address to the Municipalist," among the clerical and lay delegates at this Convention.

Dr. CHASE promptly prohibited the circulation of these documents when he ascertained the nature of their contents.

Rev. Dr. MAHAN, Rev. Dr. HARRIS, Rev. Dr. DE HAWKS, Hon. R. C. WINSTON, Rev. Dr. MEAD, Dr. HIGGINS, and Judge CHAMBERS continued the debate.

The Rev. Mr. BURGESS moved an amendment, which was lost. The main question was then put and carried.

The Hon. MURRAY HOFFMAN immediately rose and proceeded to address the Convention. Owing to a lack of space we can give little more than the leading points in his very eloquent argument. He stated the principles involved in his resolutions, they differed from those presented by the Committee, inasmuch as they were antagonistic to each other. The resolutions of the Committee were prospective, consequently did not embrace the matter in his resolutions, which provided for a solemn abandonment of the Church and its authority. He proceeded to quote from Canon 7 and 10 of the Church of England, from Bishop Gray's System, page 193; from Hawk's Constitution and Canons, pages 10 and 11, and other works on Church polity, to show that the churches of the Southern dioceses are in a state of secession. He affirmed that they had violated their vow—renounced the forms of the Church and had fallen into the offense of schism.

The ordinaries appropriating \$500,000 for the relief of the families of volunteers, with provisions for the issue of 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cent certificates, led to a long discussion, and was finally adopted. The debate was chiefly as to how and when the notes should be redeemed; it was finally arranged that it should be at will.

A resolution was adopted, that the \$50 bounty to recruits be continued until such time as the draft took place. The Board adjourned until Monday p.m.

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